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City Assessment Advertisement.

ALBERT GALLATIN'S Pamphlet on the War with
Mexico, may be had gratis at the office of The Tribune.
Any person ordering 100 copies or less, will be supplied
by Express or Railroad.

A correspondent thinks the Editor of The Tribune
mistaken in saying in his paper from Washington that
Mr. Polk was President of the Convention of the
California Society. He believes that Mr. Polk was President
there, as he is now. It is not unlikely that our
President is right, though we are unable at this moment to
verify either statement.

Notes on Washington.
Editorial Correspondence.

Let the friends of HENRY CLAY, Wednesday—11 P. M.
His friends, who are unchanged and unwavering;
and that they believe him not only the
fittest man for President, but the proper man to be
supported in the ensuing canvass, and that he will
be elected if any frank, manly, outspoken Whig
can be. If the People don't want a President of
this sort, let them take a Loco-Foco as becomes
them; if they choose a scuffling, trimming, un-
worthy man to rule over them, I trust he will not
be a Whig. Now let us have fair play and no dodg-
ing. Let the Whig People be fairly represented in
a Whig National Convention, and its decision
we can all defer to; but I don't believe it can be
in favor of any other than the acknowledged leader
and head of the party. Unless Mr. Clay shall
peremptorily insist on withdrawing from the can-
vass, who can doubt that he will be our candidate?
Let those who affect to believe that the advocates of
Mr. Clay's nomination don't mean to, look on and
see. It will not take long to convince them.

Mr. Polk, I am satisfied, has not yet given up
all hopes of a re-nomination. On the contrary he
hopes that the dissensions among the partisans of
Cass, Buchanan and Dallas will result in giving
him another chance. It is not for nothing that the
Loco-Focos of his own Tennessee have appointed
Delegates to a National Convention but kept
silent with regard to a Presidential candidate.

Col. Benton will show the country how much he
loves his friend, the President, soon after the Free-
masonry Trial is closed by a verdict and a Presidential
judgment thereon. Perhaps it is a great deal; I
only say that, much or little, his measure of affec-
tion will soon be made known.

THINGS IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. Foote's Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1848.
I am sorry to say that Mr. Foote's speech to-
day has opened a new kind of oratory in the Sen-
ate of the United States. He has a strange fashion
of trying to see in others' speeches what is not
to be seen. I have heard him now two or three times
attempting to reply to Senators, and in almost
every case he used the stereotyped phrase, "I
thought the manner of the Senator indicated" so
and so. This hypercriticism is decidedly out of
place in a new Senator. And then look at his out-
landish ideas. If not highly profane, yet certainly
extraneous. Why, today, in defending the course
of Mr. Polk, he said that he hoped gentlemen had
not forgotten their Bible. If they had not, the
project of the first conquest we read of. This is certainly
very wild if not unseasonable language.

His allusion, too, to Mr. CLAY, was so contrary
to the dignified decorum of that body. Mr. CLAY
was present, a private citizen, in the seat he had
once rendered illustrious, among his old friends.
Mr. Foote indicated that Mr. CLAY was trying to
control the opinion of his friends. He said he sus-
pected that there were magnetic influences about
and in this connection he made a reference to Dr.
Borah, who is now delivering a series of Lectures
on the "Mysteries of the Bible." I never before
heard a Senator give a puff to a lecturer in this
dignified body. Would such a man as CALHOUN
have given such weapons of attack on our
own men, and have such a high character to be
used in this manner? I think not. Mr. Foote's
words, they would resign their places rather than
strike at a great man thus, who has not now the
privilege of reply.

He has often wondered why some Loco-Foco
commentators refer to Mr. CLAY, as having such an
influence. It is the unavailing tribute which great
spirits win from inferior intelligences. Why
children scared to bed by some horror ghost, could
not be more haunted with the power of the in-
visible spirit that overpowers them, than these men
are with Mr. CLAY.

Mr. Foote quoted much poetry, considerable
Latin, and, I believe, some Greek. He drew largely
upon the annals, and ransacked all mythology
to find what he could use to give you a view
of the grandeur of the Republic. He read also
looking steadily through his spectacles at the book,
and waving his hands wildly above his head in
gestures, but I think he was making my higher
thoughts of an idea of his speech. It makes one sad
to think of what now passes for Senatorial oratory!
He speaks again to-morrow.

Gov. SEWARD arrived here to-day, and is looking
well. He comes to attend to some business before
he returns to the State. He is now sitting in the
Senate to-day, and yet Polk and Dallas fill
the chair that should only be occupied by
the speech of Mr. POLK, on the 19th of January.

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to the House of Representatives, was a most
eloquent and powerful one. It was a full and
complete vindication of his administration, and
of his policy towards Mexico. It was a full and
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Mr. POLK's majority in the District at the time
of his election in 1845 was 453. The District is
usually Loco, and unless the Whigs make a stren-
uous effort we fear the vacancy will be filled by a
friend to War and Slavery.

CANADA.—The County of Waterloo, at the head
of Lake Ontario, has elected Mr. A. J. Ferguson,
a reformer, as one of its members. He is one of the
well known agriculturist and farmer. His name
is familiar to all the people of the County, and he
is an occasional visitor of our State fairs. His
majority is very large. David Thompson, a wealthy
merchant and proprietor on the Welland Canal,
has carried Hamilton on the reform side. To our
great surprise, the Orange party are defeated even
into the Toronto Riding of York County, after having
lost their grip for some eleven years. The Globe
is sure that Mr. Morrison's election there is beyond
a doubt. Probably the Irish Protestants, like every-
body else, are tired of the way of the "family
compact," as Lord Durham called it, which consists
chiefly of the old friends of our Revolution, and
has proved a perpetual incubus, a nightmare on the
energies of the colonies where it found a refuge.
The farmers of Leeds (opposite our Jefferson) are
in excellent spirits. They celebrated their peaceful
triumph over "the Grand Master of all the Orange
Lodges" by a sumptuous entertainment—the slaugh-
ter of a sheep, the music of the fiddle, and the
provision extending over a mile and a half in length,
ending at Brookville.

Of 199 sleighs, Mr. Richards and his active
Committee led the van in a handsome vehicle drawn
by eight heavy bays; four elegant six-horse and
eight four-horse sleighs followed next; and the
banks of the majestic St. Lawrence have rarely
been enlivened by a more joyous assemblage than
that which was seen to-day celebrating the peaceful
triumph of the friends of Truth, Progress and Human
Freedom.

THINGS IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. Tuck on Slavery and the War—Mr. Pease
The Supreme Court.

Correspondence of The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1848.

AMOS TUCK, the Independent from New Hamp-
shire, and the only one elected as Independent
who deserves the name, made this day his maiden
speech in the House. It was a very creditable ef-
fort, and received the respectful attention of the
House. He commenced with some remarks, brief
but conclusive, in reply to the arguments yester-
day of Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana—who, by the
way, he considered as one of the most powerful
supporters of the Administration. He animadverted
with some severity upon the conduct of Mr. Polk
in the admission of SANTA ANNA into Mexico.
The "moral treason" which Mr. Polk had attrib-
uted to persons opposed to his Administration, he
showed Mr. Polk had been guilty of himself—
guilty of a *crime* against the nation.

He spoke, then, of the remote causes of the war.
Showing that the early history of the Texas to the
Government of Mexico arose from the abolition of
Slavery by the latter. The Texas insisted upon
the maintenance of Slavery in the District of Texas,
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Mr. Tuck then proved at large that by annexing
Texas we annexed Slavery and War. He also
showed the rapid change of front "Democrats" of
New-Hampshire made, when, after having de-
nounced the annexation of Texas as a measure
"black as ink and wicked as hell," they took
ground in its favor so soon as the edict was pro-
mulgated from the Baltimore Convention. He was
called "Abolitionist" and "traitor," because he
would not change with the rest. He would not re-
pudiate the charge of Abolitionism, if by Abolition-
ism was meant opposition to the principle or
policy of Slavery.

Mr. Tuck explained his position clearly and em-
phatically. Though he would stand by the Constitu-
tion, he would not contribute directly or indirectly
to the maintenance of Slavery. If Virginia
contended for the right to support Slavery, he
would contend for the right of the Free States
to be relieved from the sin, expenses and retribu-
tions of Slavery.

He then followed with full charge upon Mr. Presi-
dent Polk—attributed to him the sole authorship
of the war, and concluded that the Cabinet
should be responsible for its evils. He thought
one and perhaps the chief motive that induced
Mr. Polk to plunge the nation into war was a mor-
tal hatred to the principles of Slavery. He asked
the question, "What is the motive?" and
Mr. Polk seized upon this method to inform it.

He concluded by expressing his determination
to vote for no more money than was necessary to
bring the war to a speedy and expeditious close
within the territories of Mexico.

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PEASE of N. H. probably will speak in
reply, as he seemed to be taking notes during the
speech. He should be advised to be most careful
in his remarks. To say all he can in favor of the
"Wilcox" Provision, though he may never intend to
vote for it, is a most unwise and unbecoming
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Later from Mexico.

By Pony Express and Telegraph
TO THE TRIBUNE.

Correspondence of The Tribune.

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RUMORS OF PEACE.

DISPATCHES BY THE BRITISH COURIER.

SANTA ANNA ENBARKED FOR
SAN BLAS.

DEFEAT OF GUERRILLAS.

EXPEDITION AGAINST CHOLULA.

Restoration of American Prisoners, &c.

Correspondence of The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1848.

Your overland Express from New Orleans reached
here with papers of the 14th from the city. There
had been several arrivals from Vera Cruz. The
latest was the steamer Virginia, which left Vera
Cruz on the 14th and touched at Tampico.
The most important intelligence is that there
were indefinite but current rumors of secret
negotiations being in progress which promise to result
in a treaty of peace. Dispatches were received at
Vera Cruz on the night of the 13th by the arrival
of a steamer, from Mr. Boyle, the British Charge-
—They were immediately forwarded to New Orleans
in the British brig-of-war During. Nothing
was known concerning the contents of these
dispatches, but it is supposed they related to nego-
tiations pending at Vera Cruz, from sending
them in a vessel of war instead of waiting for a
steamer.

Col. Miles, with 1,500 men, left Vera Cruz, for
the Capital. Gen. Marshall was awaiting the ar-
rival of the troops at Jalisco. On the 15th, Mr.
Reynolds, attached to company D, of the 8th reg-
iment of Infantry, was hung at Jalisco, for the mur-
der of some Mexican women. It is reported in the
Mexican papers that Santa Anna had embarked
at Tampico for the port of San Blas. On the 15th,
a letter from Queretaro states that the Govern-
ment was doing all in its power to get the new
members of Congress together, and it was believ-
ed that body would assemble about the middle of
January.

Admiral had been received from Maratón to the
20th ult. The guerrillas under Mirages had made
an attack upon the Cape, but were completely
routed, and Mirages and many other Mexicans
killed.

An expedition was dispatched on the night of the
21st against Cholula to apprehend some Mexican
officers. A skirmish took place—three Mexicans
were killed and three wounded.

A number of American prisoners who had been
taken at Tampico, for the port of San Blas, had
been sent to Col. Childs from Zacatlan by train, the
former Mexican Governor of Puebla, asking an ex-
change for Col. Pavor. If not admissible, an equal
number of Mexicans were requested, and if neither
proposition was accepted, Col. Childs would
considered voluntarily restored. Col. Childs re-
plied that he could not comply with either propo-
sition, and that the Mexicans were indebted for a
great number of prisoners released during the war.
The release of prisoners of war is a matter of
principle, and the prisoners now voluntarily restored,
with pleasure emulate the enemy's kindness to-
ward all Mexicans who might become prisoners.

The brig Rapier, bound from Tampico for
Pensacola, with lumber for Government, was totally
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AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

SPEECH OF HENRY CLAY.

Reported for The Tribune.

CLAY on Slavery was greeted with round after
round of applause. After this manifestation of regard and
enthusiasm, he proceeded as follows:

Chairman of the Colonization Society:

I have been committed to say a few words.
I have against my wishes, and unexpectedly to my-
self, I have been advertised in the newspapers. I
believe, to make some address on this occasion. I
have no reproaches to make against those who have
placed me in this position. But I must present my-
self before you in no condition to fulfill the expecta-
tions that may have brought this large and re-
spectable assemblage together; neither am I pre-
pared to do justice to this great subject or to my-
self. I have just terminated a journey of consider-
able length and arduousness, performed in mid-
winter, and surrounded at every place where I
have stopped by throngs of friends, leaving abso-
lutely no leisure whatever for that preparation
which ought always to be made before a man pre-
sents himself to address so respectable and intelli-
gent an audience as this. I come before you with-
out a solitary note, and with very little mental
preparation of any sort; absolutely with no prepara-
tion for an elaborate address. I will therefore ad-
dress all who have come here with the expectation
of hearing anything extraordinary, to leave the
Hall, and by so doing they would doubtless leave
it with much fewer salutations than at first assem-
bled. (Cheers.) Yet I confess myself gratified
with the opportunity of saying a few words, as well
as with the circumstance reportedly adverted to in
the course of the evening, of my having met here
in company with others thirty years ago for the
foundation of this Society. It has been some years
since I have had the honor of standing or sitting in
the place which I occupy this evening, and you
will all agree to say that, in all human probability,
I shall not see this last instance in which I may ap-
pear before you.

You have been told that about thirty years ago,
Rev. Dr. Finney of N. J. and others with him, met
here and consulted and agreed upon the great
subject of Slavery, and of the Colonization Society.
The subject of taking testimony in reference to
disputed seating in the Niagara County Election
case is before the House.

The Commissioners to amend the defective Law
Practise that they will report at an early day.
The bill amending the act authorizing Equity
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The General Manufacturing bill is the order
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Mr. Allen, Napier McNabb, speaker of the last
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